

PRICE RIVER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM ANNUAL MEETING

MARCH 4, 1998

The annual meeting of the Price River Distribution System was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Chairman Lyle Bryner. He asked Mark Page to read the minutes from the 1997 annual meeting. Following the reading of the minutes, there were no corrections or additions to be made. A motion was made by Jack Chiaretta, and seconded by Dale Mathis to accept the minutes as read. The motion passed.

The 1997 Financial Statement was read by Lee Sim, Assistant State Engineer over Distribution. As of January 1, 1997, there was \$11,687.33 in the Trust Account. Receipts during 1997 included \$17,663.99 in regular assessments, \$1.00 in delinquent penalties, and \$718.98 in interest, for a total of \$18,383.97. Expenditures for the year totaled \$17,977.13, which included over expenditures in the social security, retirement, and insurance premiums for the Commissioner. Funds remaining in the Trust Account as of December 31, 1997 were \$12,094.17. A motion was made by Doug Horsley, and seconded by Boyd Marsing, to accept the Financial Statement. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner asked Commissioner Bob Davis to give a report on his activities during 1997. He indicated that a total of 67,206.92 acre-feet of water was diverted during 1997. Direct flow accounted for 47,650.70 acre-feet, and 19,556.20 acre-feet was diverted from the reservoir. Irrigation users diverted 40,618.30 acre-feet of direct flow, and 17,058.80 acre-feet of reservoir water. Municipal and industrial users diverted 7,032.40 acre-feet and 2,497.40 acre-feet of direct flow and reservoir water, respectively. No water was pumped from Colton Well #1 this year.

Mr. Davis indicated that the peak storage in Scofield Reservoir occurred June 8, 1997 at 71,484.00 acre-feet, and the low volume occurred on October 20, 1997 at 38,793.00 acre-feet. At the present time there is 45,723.00 acre-feet of water in Scofield Reservoir, compared to 31,554.00 acre-feet on this same date in 1997. The February 1, 1998 forecasted inflow to Scofield is 37,000.00 acre-feet of water, which is 84% of average. This is assuming average precipitation through July 1, 1998. Mr. Davis asked that the individual ditch riders contact him 24 hours prior to making any adjustments in their headgates. This allows him to keep the river regulated. This past year was excellent. He thanked the water users for their support.

Snotel data indicates that current snowpack is 108% at the Mammoth-Cottonwood site, 91% on White River #1, and 113% on the Indian Canyon course.

Following the report, Carly Burton made a motion to accept the Commissioner's Report. The motion was seconded by Tom Bruno. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman Bryner indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of the budget for 1998. Mr. Sim indicated to the water users that the current legislature has repealed the bonding requirement for the Commissioner. After a brief discussion, the following budget for 1998 was proposed:

1) Commissioner's Salary	\$10,028.00
2) Social Security	767.00
3) Retirement	1565.00
4) Travel Expense	2000.00
5) Insurance	2350.00
6) Office Expense	120.00
7) Telephone Expense	50.00
8) Annual Report	300.00
9) Equipment Expense	300.00
10) Miscellaneous Expense	200.00
Total	\$17,680.00

Phillip Palmer made a motion to accept the budget as proposed, and assess the total budget. Gary Sonntag seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The next item of business was the appointment of a Commissioner for 1998. Jack Chiaretta made a motion to recommend to the State Engineer that Robert Davis be retained for another year of service. The motion was seconded by Dale Mathis, and passed by unanimous vote.

Chairman Bryner indicated that a committee should be appointed to serve during 1998. Boyd Marsing made a motion that the 1997 committee be reappointed. The motion was seconded by Doug Horsley. All present voted in the affirmative. The committee members are as follows:

Lyle Bryner	Chairman
Jack Chiaretta	Vice Chairman
Tim Gwyther	Industrial Representative
Gary Sonntag	Municipal Representative

Mr. Carly Burton indicated to the water users that he would be retiring this year, and expressed his appreciation to those present for their cooperation over the years.

Chairman Bryner made a brief statement to the water users about the Gooseberry Project dispute. He indicated that the matter will be in Federal Court on May 12, 1998. He also wants the water users to be aware that some water will be released from Scofield in anticipation of the projected runoff.

The meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Those present included the following:

Robert Davis	Price River Commissioner
Doug Horsley	Pioneer Ditch #1
George S. Cook	Price River Water User's Association
Phillip Palmer	Price River Water Improvement District
Verdis Barker	Wellington Canal Company
Russ Miller	RRSCD
Rick Borrell	Carbon Canal
Carly Burton	Utah Power & Light
Frank Saccomanno	Spring Glen Canal Company
Tom Bruno	Stowell Ditch Company
Boyd Marsing	Price River Water User's Association
Dale J. Wilson	Stowell Ditch Company
R.A. Bruno	Stowell Ditch Company
Louie L. Tonic	Bryner-Hansen Ditch Company
Wayne Brown	Spring Glen Canal Company
Dale Mathis	Price/Allred Ditch
Ray Prettyman	Gordon Creek
Jeff Richens	Price River Water Improvement District
Johnny Pappas	Cyprus Plateau Mining Corporation
Frank Romano	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Adolph Bruno	Bryner-Ploutz Ditch
Gary Sonntag	Price City
Lyle Bryner	Price River Distribution System - Chairman
Jack Chiaretta	Carbon Canal
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights - SLC
Mark Page	Division of Water Rights - Price